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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MISSIONARIES ROBBED BY KONDOS

1. FATHER JOHN KEEFE AND ANOTHER CATHOLIC MISSIONARY FROM FORT PORTAL WERE STOPPED BY 2 ARMED KONDOS IN KAMPALA AREA EVENING NOVEMBER 8. KONDOS FORCED THE MISSIONARIES FROM THEIR VEHICLE, AND ABSCONDED WITH THE VEHICLE AND ALL PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, INCLUDING THEIR PASSPORTS AND PASSPORTS BELONGING TO THREE OTHER AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WHICH THEY WERE TAKING TO THE EMBASSY FOR VARIOUS CONSULAR ACTIONS.

2. FOR NAIROBI: EMBASSY WILL TODAY BE ISSUING THE TWO MISSIONARIES PASSPORTS BEFORE THEIR RETURN TO FORT PORTAL (MISSIONARIES WHEN TRAVELING IN UGANDA MUST ALWAYS CARRY PASSPORTS AS THEY FACE FEAR OF ARREST BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES IF CAUGHT WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION--DESPITE PROMISES TO DO SO, GOU HAS NEVER ISSUED IDENTITY CARDS TO FOREIGN MISSIONARIES). WE HAVE INOPERATIVE LEGEND MACHINE WHICH BROKE WHILE BEING PACKED) BUT WILL INSTRUCT THEM TO STOP BY EMBASSY NAIROBI AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE LEGEND IMPRESSION PLACED OVER PHOTO. WE WILL ALSO GIVE THEM PASSPORT APPLICATIONS FOR THE OTHER THREE MISSIONARIES WHOSE PASSPORTS WERE LOST, AND INSTRUCT THEM TO SEND COMPLETED FORMS PLUS PHOTOS TO NAIROBI BY REGISTERED MAIL FOR PASSPORT PROCESSING. SUGGEST IN THIS CASE PERSONAL APPEARANCE BE WAIVED (THEY CANNOT LEAVE UGANDA WITHOUT PASSPORTS), AND PASSPORTS BE GIVEN TO BISHOP MACAULEY, FORMER BISHOP FORT

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PORTAL WHO NOW LIVES NAIROBI BUT TRAVELS FREQUENTLY

TO UGANDA, FOR HAND CARRY TO THE MISSIONARIES CONCERNED. PREVIOUS
PASSPORT INFORMATION IS CONTAINED ON EMBASSY REGISTRATION CARDS
OF EACH AMCIT WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT NAIROBI.
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